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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 14, 2002

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00212

For Exemption from Physical Collocation at its Skyline Remote Office

PRELIMINARY ORDER

On November 4, 2002, Verizon South Inc. ("Verizon South") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a request for exemption (hereinafter "Application") from the requirement to provide physical collocation in its Skyline remote office. In its Application, Verizon South states that the information provided to support its request fulfills the requirements set out in the Commission's Rules Governing Physical Collocation Exemptions, 20 VAC 5-421-10 et seq.¹

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered this request, is of the opinion and finds that interested parties should have the opportunity to file comments on Verizon South's request; that the Commission's Staff should investigate the request for exemption and file a report; and that Verizon South should have

 $^{^1}$ Verizon South mistakenly cites 20 VAC 5-400-200 as the source of the Commission's rules governing collocation exemptions. 20 VAC 5-421-10 $\underline{\text{et}}$ $\underline{\text{seq}}.$ replaced the repealed 20 VAC 5-400-200.

an opportunity to file its response to all comments and the Staff Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) On or before December 16, 2002, interested parties may file comments in response to Verizon South's exemption request for its Skyline remote central office.
- (2) The Commission Staff shall investigate Verizon Virginia's exemption requests and file a report on or before January 16, 2003.
- (3) Verizon South is granted leave to file its response to all comments within ten (10) days of service. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.